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This Listing of Claims Replaces all prior Versions and Listings of the Claims in the Application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A container ~~including~~ comprising an interior area for housing a plurality of vertically stacked substrates, the container further comprising a top and bottom side walls opposing each other, front and back side walls opposing each other and left and right side walls opposing each other and a dispensing opening, wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall is greater than 90° but less than 180° and the dispensing opening is located in the top side wall or the front side wall or on the intersection between the top side wall and the front side wall, and wherein the container comprises a substrate-dispensing aid comprising the bottom side wall, the bottom side wall is inclined from the front side wall to the back side wall of the container is adapted to bias a plurality of vertically stacked substrates toward the front side wall to assist in positioning an edge of a substrate adjacent the dispensing opening.

2. (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 1 wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall is between 95° and 130°.

3. (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 1 wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall is between 95° and 115°.

4. (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 1 ~~which is manufactured by folding~~ wherein the container comprises a single piece of material.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

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Claim 8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 1 wherein the dispensing opening is located on the intersection between the top side wall and front side wall.

10. (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 9 wherein the dispensing opening further extends vertically downward toward the intersection of the front side wall and bottom side wall.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 1 comprising a substrate holder adapted for storing dispensed substrate between uses.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 13 wherein the holder is located on the left side wall or right side wall of the container.

Claim 15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended): ~~A container according to claim 15, comprising an interior area for housing a plurality of vertically stacked substrates, the container further comprising top and bottom side walls opposing each other, front and back side walls opposing each other and left and right side walls opposing each other and a dispensing opening, wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall is greater than 90° but less than 180° and the dispensing opening is located in the top side wall or the front side wall or on the intersection between the top side wall and the front side wall, and wherein the container further comprises a substrate-dispensing aid, the substrate-dispensing aid comprises a second false bottom side wall on the inside of the container which is~~

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~~inclined from the front side wall to the back side wall of the container to bias a plurality of vertically stacked substrates toward the front side wall to assist in positioning an edge of a substrate adjacent the dispensing opening~~
~~bottom support portion for supporting a second end of a substrate, the bottom support portion being inclined from a rear portion of the container interior down toward the front side wall such that the inclined bottom support portion is adapted to bias a second end of a substrate toward the front side wall of the container.~~

17. (Withdrawn) A container comprising an interior area for housing a plurality of vertically stacked substrates, the container further comprising a top and bottom side walls opposing each other, front and back side walls opposing each other and left and right side walls opposing each other and a dispensing opening, wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall is greater than 90° but less than 180° and the dispensing opening is located in the top side wall or the front side wall or on the intersection between the top side wall and the front side wall, wherein the container further comprises a substrate-dispensing aid, the substrate-dispensing aid comprises a second false bottom side wall on the inside of the container which is inclined from the front side wall to the back side wall of the container to bias a plurality of vertically stacked substrates toward the front side wall to assist in positioning an edge of a substrate adjacent the dispensing opening.

18. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 1, wherein the substrate-dispensing aid comprises a spring system comprising a spring.

19. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 2, wherein the spring is adapted to assist in changing the angle of inclination of the bottom support portion depending on the number of substrates housed within the interior area of the container.

20. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 2, wherein the spring includes an extension member adapted to engage a face of a substrate to bias a plurality of substrates toward the front side wall.

21. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 4, wherein the spring comprises a length of material in a Z-shape.

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22. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 5, wherein the spring is attached to a portion of the container at a location adjacent a corner between the bottom side wall and the back side wall.

23. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 4, wherein the extension member is resilient, and wherein the resilience of the extension member is adapted to maintain engagement of the extension member with a face of a substrate if a number of substrates housed within the interior area of the container changes.

24. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 2, wherein a first end of the spring is attached to a portion of the container at a location adjacent a corner between the top side wall and the back side wall and wherein a second end of the spring is adapted to traverse along the bottom side wall in a direction from the back side wall toward the front side wall if the number of substrates housed within the interior area of the container changes.

25. (Withdrawn) A container according to claim 8, wherein the spring includes an extension member adapted to engage a face of a substrate.

26. (Withdrawn) container according to claim 9, wherein the extension member is resilient, and wherein the resilience of the extension member is adapted to facilitate engagement between the extension member and a face of a substrate if the number of substrates housed within the interior area of the container changes.

27. (Withdrawn) container according to claim 9, wherein the extension member extends away from a portion of the spring at a location between the first end and the second end of the spring.

28 (Currently Amended): A The container according to claim ~~27~~ 16 wherein the material from which the container is made is selected from cardboard, moisture protected cardboard, plastic or mixtures thereof.

29 (Currently Amended): A The container according to claim ~~27~~ 28 wherein the container is made from moisture protected cardboard which has been treated with a moisture protective barrier.

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30. (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The container according to claim 27 28 wherein the container is made from plastic.

Claim 31 (Canceled)

Claim 32 (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended): A product comprising a container and a plurality of vertically stacked substrates housed within an interior area of the container, each substrate ~~including~~ comprises a ~~first front side wall-facing~~ face and ~~a second an opposed~~ face and an edge surrounding a perimeter of the faces, the edge ~~including~~ comprises a ~~first edge uppermost edge~~ portion and an opposed ~~second edge~~ portion, the container ~~including~~ comprises top and bottom side walls opposing each other, front and back side walls opposing each other and left and right side walls opposing each other and a dispensing opening, wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall is greater than 90° but less than 180° and the dispensing opening is located in the top side wall or the front side wall or on the intersection between the top side wall and the front side wall, wherein the ~~first front side wall-facing~~ face of each vertically stacked substrate faces toward the front side wall and the ~~a second opposed~~ face of each vertically stacked substrate faces toward the back side wall, ~~and~~ wherein the ~~first edge uppermost edge~~ portion of at least one of the plurality of vertically stacked substrates is positioned adjacent the dispensing opening, and wherein the bottom side wall is inclined from the front side wall to the back side wall of the container to bias a plurality of vertically stacked substrates toward the front side wall to assist in positioning the uppermost edge of a substrate adjacent the dispensing opening.

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34. (Currently Amended): A ~~The product container~~ according to claim 33 wherein the bottom side wall of the container includes a length defined between the front side wall and the rear side wall of the container, wherein the length of the bottom side wall is less than a height of the substrate.

35. (New): The product according to claim 33 wherein the material from which the container is made is selected from cardboard, moisture protected cardboard, plastic or mixtures thereof.

36. (New): The product according to claim 35 wherein the container is made from moisture protected cardboard which has been treated with a moisture protective barrier.

37. (New): The product according to claim 35 wherein the container is made from plastic.

38. (New): The product according to claim 33 wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall of the container is between 95° and 130°.

39. (New): The product according to claim 38 wherein the angle between the front side wall and the bottom side wall of the container is between 95° and 115°.

40. (New): The product according to claim 33 wherein the container comprises a single piece of material.

41. (New): The container according to claim 1 wherein the bottom side wall of the container includes a length defined between the front side wall and the rear side wall of the container, wherein the length of the bottom side wall is less than a height of the substrate.